

BIDE YOUR TIME.

When fortune treats you slightly
And everything goes wrong,
Remember that you still are free
To labor and be strong.
To him who bravely does his part
Misfortune is no crime.
Just hold your grip and keep up heart
And learn to bide your time.

The surest road to greatness lies
Through hard and patient work.
The glorious name that never dies
Comes not unto the shirk.
Fame sits upon an eminence,
A pinnacle sublime.
He who would win must seek her thence,
Strive on and bide his time.

The man of hope and energy,
Who keeps one goal in sight,
Who goes his way with constancy,
Will some time win the fight.
The man whose life a glory lends
To every age and time
Is he whose purpose never bends,
Who works and bides his time.

Go onward. O'er the future's hills
The dawn falls cool and sweet.
Go onward. He can win who wills
And bows not to defeat.
Go onward though your path may lie
Through calumny and slime.
The way will brighten by and by.
Go on and bide your time.

And when the fight at last is o'er,
The toil at last is done;
When standing on life's farther shore,
Beneath her setting sun;
Beyond the future's unbarred gate,
The bells of heaven chime;
And justice, love, and glory wait
For him who bides his time.

—Denver News.

THE LONG NEW CHUM

By HOWARD MARCH.

HE big chum wasn't long in getting the hang of things. He was a good shot to begin with, and kept us fairly well supplied with game and kangaroo tail soup.

Jackson, our boss, had fixed the name of Cropper on the newcomer, probably because somehow it fell to his lot to get all the "back-jumpers" to ride. He had been thrown so often that he was getting saddle-shy. He couldn't understand why it was that the other fellows' horses gave them no trouble, while his own were shooting him into space at each unexpected time.

"You see, it's like this, Cropper," the boss would explain to him; "the horses know you're new, and they're just having fun with you."

Barnes, on the other hand, warned him that all the horses were only half broken in, that they needed constant watching, and couldn't be trusted for a minute; but he doubted that. To convince him Barnes rode alongside of Cropper and swung his stock whip lash suddenly under the tail of the new chum's mount.

The horse clamped his tail down upon it like a vise, dropped his nose to the ground, doubled up like a cat in a back-fence concert, and bucked for all it was worth. Ten stone tons of New Chum went bouncing away from him like a rubber ball, and struck the ground none too gently. Cropper picked himself up painfully and remarked to Barnes:

"A little of this will go a long way with me."

It did. It went a long way toward making it impossible for a horse ever again to catch him unawares.

There was one man in the party to whom Cropper didn't cotton. That was Johnson, the one-eyed cook. It was a case of mutual dislike. Johnson had begun by trying to rough Cropper, and was promptly called down hard at the muzzle of a gun. He weakened at once, but he got some satisfaction out of telling the others what terrible things he would do one of these fine days. The New Chum knew he wasn't scared by the gun, he said, and he referred to the act as a cowardly bluff.

That gave Barnes an idea.

"Look here, Johnson, why didn't you call him out?" he asked. "Call him out. Tell him you want to settle the thing. There are the two Martini rifles in your wagon, say you're willing to meet him and fight with them. If he weakens, you've got him. If he agrees, we'll do the cartridges so as you won't hurt one another."

The cook's one eye sparkled at the thought.

"I'll call him out, all right," he said, when he had digested the idea. "I'll call him out, all right, and you needn't do the cartridges, either. You'll see. If he doesn't get frightened, why, I'll make a sieve of him at a hundred yards."

"Hundred yards?" Barnes said in disgust. "Do you think we're going to waste all the ammunition in the wagon? You'll meet at ten yards, and you can have the ammunition faked or not, just as you please."

The cook hesitated. "I don't want to mangle him," he said, finally. "If we meet at ten yards maybe—maybe you'd better fake the bullets."

"That's settled, then," Barnes declared.

"I'll second Cropper. If he won't come to time I will. I'll be behind him."

"Hold on there," the cook exclaimed, excitedly. "We haven't had any trouble—you and me. We've got no call to fight."

"This end of the 'we' does and will," Barnes said, grimly, "unless this business is settled at once. Is it to be faked or not?"

"Why—er—faked," of course," said the cook. "I don't know as I really want to hurt him. A fight will do him a bit of good, though."

Then Mr. Johnson had another thought.

"Of course, he won't know it's to be a fake. There's no need to tell him that."

"No, of course not," Barnes replied, sarcastically. "He isn't a sure thing man, you know. Couldn't be. He's only white."

The cook began to fidget and fingered a cartridge nervously. "How do I know you won't forget to fake them?" he asked.

"Oh, that's all right, Johnson," the boss put in cheerfully. "I'll attend to that for you."

Cropper came along and dropped a couple of wild turkeys on the ground. "There's something better than salt-horse, cook," he declared. "Cook them for supper, will you?"

"Better wait and see if you're alive at supper time," Barnes remarked, significantly.

"You can have my share if I am not," said Cropper. "But I don't feel sick—haven't got heart disease or anything like that—and I am hungry—hungry for something better than salt-horse and new-killed mutton. What's the joke, anyhow?"

"There's no joke. Cookie, there, has challenged you to a duel with rifles—ten yards' limit. I'm holding your horse. The boss is looking after his. What do you say?"

"Say? Why, I say he's an ass, that's what. I don't want to let the fool, and I don't propose to let him kill me."

The cook's nervousness left him suddenly.

"Yah, he's a chicken-hearted Johnny-come-lately," he cried, turning to Barnes. "I knew it all the time. He's scared and I knew he would be. I'm satisfied. I don't want to kill a man that's half scared to death to start with. Yah!" He kicked the turkeys as he spoke.

"Oh, you don't?" Cropper snorted, red with rage. "Well, I do, by thunder. Kick my turkeys, will you? Take that—and that!"

"That" and "that" were foot applications upon that part of the cook's person which should have been covered by his coat tails had he worn a coat with tails to it.

Jackson ran in between them. "I'd eat the heart of a man who did that to me," he hissed in the cook's ear. "Nothing but blood will wipe this out," he said gravely to Cropper. "Nothing but blood. I'm backing Cookie."

"Come on, then," said the angry new chum. "If he must have it, he shall take a bath in his own."

They started down to the flat. Cropper and Barnes in the lead, Jackson bringing up the rear with the cook.

Jackson was busy wrenching the bullets out of a handful of cartridges and filling their places with pulped plug tobacco. Where the edge of the flat sloped down to the Billybung they came to a halt. The stream there was hedged off by a thick growth of wattle bushes, six feet high. Even cattle could not penetrate it, which was a good thing for the cattle, because just there the Billybung swirled over a bed of quicksand that would have bogged them in short order.

Jackson placed the men ten paces apart, the cook with his back to the bushes, and between Cropper and the river. Then he handed each man a rifle.

"Fire at the word," he said.

"And just remember that I'll fire at the man that fires before the word," Barnes put in, looking significantly at the cook.

Mr. Johnson shut his one eye in a long wink, and grinned as he directed Barnes' attention, by the wave of the hand, to Cropper. "You'll see," he muttered.

The new chum's face had grown white. His passion had worn itself out.

"Say, Cookie," he called out, "what's the use? Can't this thing be settled some other way?"

"I told you he was chicken-hearted," the cook shouted to the others. "No, it can't, you white-livered idiot!" he replied to Cropper. "I am going to fill you full of holes."

The new chum's face grew red again. "I'll make you crawl for that," he said.

"Ready?" Jackson asked. "Fire!" Both guns were discharged at the same moment. Cropper tried to get out another shell, but the shortened cartridge got jammed between the magazine and the lift and disabled his rifle.

The cook was having better luck. He dropped his piece slowly, worked the lever carefully, brought the gun to his cheek confidently, fired and repeated. Cropper worked frantically for a moment to clear his gun, then straightened up and threw it aside.

The cook let out a yell of triumph. "Now watch him run!" he cried. Next instant he shrieked in terror, threw his own gun away and started at top speed for the wattle patch.

"Stop him!" he yelled. "Take it away from him! Don't let him murder me!"

No one but Cropper had thought of the ivory handled six-shooter at his hip.

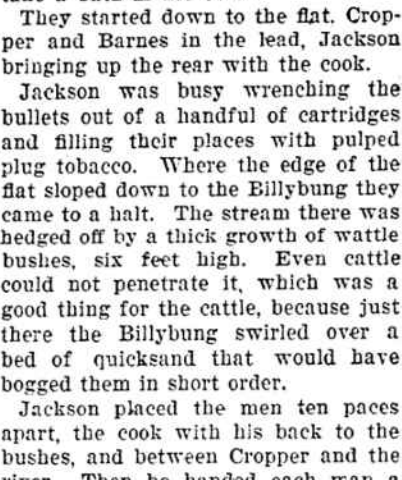
The new chum drew it as he threw away his rifle, and as it flashed in the air the cook saw it and turned tail.

The new chum fired two shots over the head of the fleeing cook, and then collapsed in a fit of laughter. The cook flew at the wattle bush, and as he reached it he rose in the air and sailed over it.

When they got him with a rope he was up to his armpits in the quicksand and begged in fearful tones to be saved. It was Cropper who passed him the rope—New York News.

NEW IDEAS in TOILETTES

New York City.—Combinations of muslin and lace always are charming, but never have been more effective than at this present time, when both

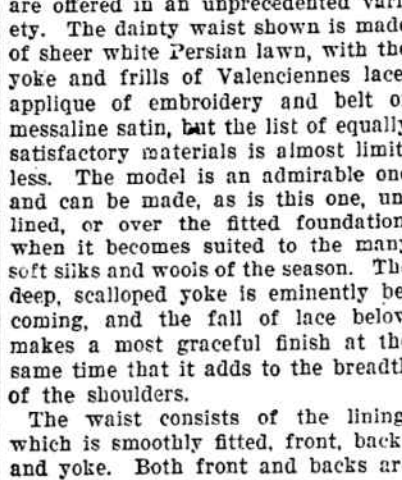


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Australian Postcards.

Official recognition of the popularity of the picture postcard has been made by the Australian Postmaster-General who has invited competitive designs for pictorial postcards, to be printed and issued by his department for use throughout the commonwealth. Premiums of \$50, \$25 and \$15 respectively will be paid for three series of twelve designs, each adjudged by the Postmaster-General to be first, second and third in order of merit in the case of each state. The designs will consist exclusively of Australian subjects.

A Trapper of Big Hawks.

Glenn Russell, a young man of near Hunter, this country, has certainly broken all late day records as a hawk catcher. He began his work of catching hawks by means of traps in November last, when on the 22d day of that month he bagged his first bird, which had a spread of wings of fifty and one-half inches from tip to tip. The day following he caught another, which measured fifty-four and one-half inches. On December 8 another one was added to his list, which measured forty-nine inches. On the 9th and 10th of the same month he scored one each day, measuring forty-eight and forty-nine inches respectively. February 27 of this year another was caught, which measured fifty-one inches. March 4 he scored a catch, which showed a spread of wings of fifty inches; on the 14th another was added, having forty-eight inches of wing; on the 19th another big fellow was trapped, which showed up fifty-three inches of sailing power. On the 24th perhaps the daddy of 'em all was taken, and this fellow could unfold fifty-five inches of wing power. On the same date another was decoyed into Mr. Russell's traps, with a wing measurement of fifty inches.—Barnesville (Pa.) Whetstone.

The Dangers of Latin.

The Latin tongue has a curious fascination to those who are only just sufficiently acquainted with it to be able to quote the common tags, says the Pall Mall Gazette. So long as these aspirants of culture confine themselves to quotation, they may not come to serious grief; but at times they attempt to supply an explanatory translation which woefully exposes the poverty of the land. Nothing is gained, after the expression currente calamo has been quoted, in gratuitously going on to say, "or in the refreshing Indian idiom, 'the calumet of peace,'" as one unfortunate journalist is rumored to have done. Again, "it's a low thing to put copper in the bag" can only be regarded as a singularly loose attempt to express the meaning of Bis dat qui cito dat. On the whole "Don't" is, perhaps, the best advice to offer those who would, on but a nodding acquaintance, mingle Latin with their native English.

His Warning.

However much a man may enjoy a joke, there comes a time when he feels instinctively that he must draw the line. This happened in the case of Signor Luigi Carbandi, of Sienna, on the occasion when his house was burglarized for the thirty-fourth time in ten years. The passer-by now notices on his door the following notice: "I have bought two dogs, three guns and a water boiler with hose attached. Burglars are welcome."

Innumerable Circular Saw.

The largest circular saw in the world has just been made in Philadelphia. It is seven feet four inches in diameter, and will be used to cut pine stumps into shingle bolts.

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British India now employs over 1,000,000 people in its cotton industries.

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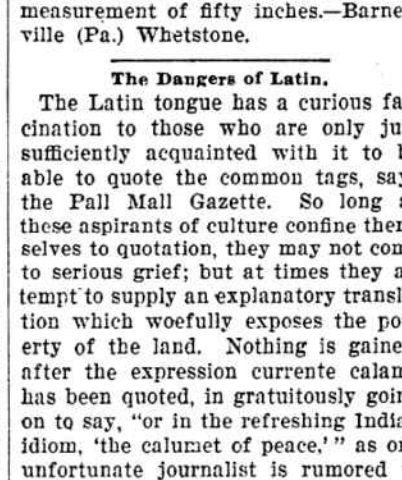
Of American animals the moose, elk and caribou are natural trotters.

Piso's Cure cannot be too highly spoken of as a cough cure.—J. W. O'Brien, 322 Third Avenue, N., Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 6, 1900.

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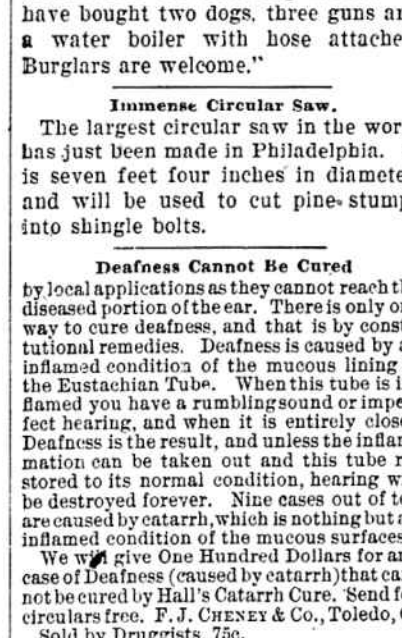
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Not Square.

The Teuton is a long time in learning British idioms. One who had been here a year or more and could speak some English before his arrival—a very short and corpulent man, by the way—went to his grocer's and paid a bill which had been standing for several weeks.

"Now you are square, sir."

"I was not?"

"You are square, I said."

"I was square?"

"Yes, you are all square now."

Hans was silent for a moment; then, with reddening face and flashing eyes, he brought his plump fist down upon the counter and said:

"See here, mine frent, I will have no more peezness mit you. I treat you like a shentleman. I pay my pill, and you make a shoke of me. You say I was square ven I know I was round as a parrel. I don't like such shokes. My peezness mit you was done."—London Tit-Bits.

Birds' Absence of Smell.

Birds seem to have no discrimination whatever in regard to poisons, probably because they have almost no sense of smell and swallow their food without masticating it. They are terrified to paralysis by the appearance of a poison snake (unless the terror be due to dread of the appearance of the serpent rather than to an inherited knowledge of its venomous power); but such intelligent birds as rooks will pick up and eat poisoned grain, and crows or ravens readily eat poisoned eggs or meat. Chickens will eat the poisonous seeds of laburnum and die from its effects. Whether birds such as tits and greenfinches ever do so does not seem to be known. But wild birds are frequently found dying in gardens, though apparently they have been in good health a few hours before, and their death may probably be due to the consumption of poisonous seeds.—London Spectator.

Truth About Precious Stones.

The American garnet, the hyacinth, and the stone known as spinel are commonly mistaken for rubies, and it is only within a few years that the famous ruby in the crown jewels of Russia was discovered by an expert to be a spinel. The renowned "diamond" in the collection of the King of Portugal is now known to be a white topaz.

The Clerk Made a Slight Mistake.

It is occasionally difficult to realize that a man is deaf till something suddenly makes us apprehend it. I think of the clerk of a country church who was once much exercised at the appearance of a strange old gentleman who when the sermon was about to begin, took a trumpet (in two parts) out of his pocket and began screwing them together. The clerk watched him until the process was completed, and then, going stealthily up, whispered: "Yeow can't play that here. Do, I'll turn you out!"—Cornhill Magazine.

At Pompeii.

In the kitchen of a house recently unearthed at Pompeii was found a fireplace with a kettle on its grate just as it was left by some Pompeian housewife over 1800 years ago.

Canada's Wheat.

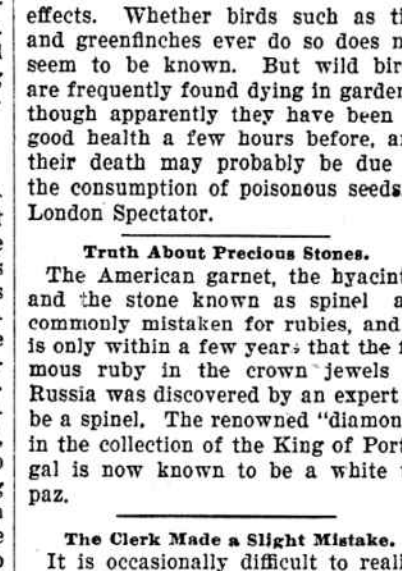
Canada is capable of furnishing more than the 200,000,000 bushels of wheat which Britain has to import every year.

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